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1. SUMMARY. MAR 10 BEIRUT APPERS CONTINUE TO REFLECT PREVIOUSLY REPORTED VIEWS. INDEPENDENT "AL-BAYRAQ" BELIEVES THAT GENERAL SETTLEMENT CANNOT BE ACHIEVED AS LONG AS U S IGNORES PALESTINIAN ROLE. LEADING LEFTIST PRO-PLO "AL-MUHARRIR" ACCUSES U S OF TRYING TO OBSTRUCT ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM ARAB LANDS AS LONG AS POSSIBLE. PRO-SYRIAN "ASH-SHARQ" AND PRO-IRAQI "BEIRUT" ESCALATE THEIR CONTINUING WAR OF WORDS, WITH "ASH-SHARQ" INSISTING THAT SECRETARY WILL LEAVE AREA EMPTY-HANDED AND "BEIRUT" ACCUSING SYRIA OF COMPLICITY WITH U S. END SUMMARY.

2. INDEPENDENT "AL-BAYRAQ" WRITES: "AMERICAN DISREGARD FOR PALESTINIAN RIGHTS CAN NEVER LEAD TO ANY PERMANENT, JUST, AND GENERAL SETTLEMENT. THIS IS WHAT ALL INTERNATIONAL QUARTERS... HAVE BEGUN TO REALIZE, EXCEPT FOR U S DIPLOMACY, WHICH CONTIINUES TO INSIST ON VIEWING CRISIS THROUGH ISRAELI EYES. TEL AVIV OPERATION TOOK PLACE TO

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AWAKEN AMERICANS AND ISRAELIS TO THIS FACT."

3. LEADING LEFTIST PRO-PLO "AL-MUHARRIR" WRITES: "BY NOW, KISSINGER HAS UNDOUBTEDLY REALIZED WHAT DIFFICULTIES HIS MIDEAST MISSION WILL FACE IF HE INSISTS ON HIS STEP-BY-STEP APPROACH AND ON FRAGMENTING THE SOLUTION.... WHY THEN ARE U S AND KISSINGER INSISTING ON CONCLUDING PHASED AND PARTIAL AGREEMENTS...? ANSWER IS THAT AMERICA WANTS TO OBSTRUCT ISRAEL'S WITHDRAWAL FROM ARAB LANDS FOR AS LONG AS POSSIBLE. AT SAME TIME, IT WANTS TO CREATE ARAB-ISRAELI EQUATION THAT ARABS WILL BE UNABLE TO BYPASS IN ORDER TO TRY TO LIQUIDATE ISRAEL WHEN THEY FEEL THAT BALANCE OF POWER HAS SHIFTED COMPLETELY IN THEIR FAVOR."

4. PRO-SYRIAN "ASH-SHARQ" WRITES: "MOST PROBABLY, KISSINGER WILL NOT PROLONG HIS VISIT TO AREA AND WILL RETURN FROM IT WITHOUT RESULTS. THIS IS BECAUSE BEFORE HIS ARRIVAL HE RECOGNIZED NEITHER NECESSITY OF UNIFIED MOVES ON ALL FRONTS NOR PALESTINIAN PEOPLE AND THEIR RIGHTS. THIS MAKES US CERTAIN THAT HE HAS NOT YET COME TO -- OR IS STILL DELIBERATELY IGNORING -- ESSENCE OF PROBLEM AND THAT HE IS PERSISTING IN HIS DESIRE TO TOY WITH US IN NAME OF MEDIATION AND TO KILL TIME WHILE PERTENDING TO MAKE MOVES. HIS HOPE IS TO LULL WORLD PUBLIC OPINION INTO FORGETTING U N RESOLUTIONS AND TO DEVELOP TEMPORARY CEASE-FIRE INTO SOMETHING RESEMBLING FORMER NO-WAR NO-PEACE SITUATION."

5. SULAYMAN AL-FIRIZLI, CHIEF EDITOR OF PRO-IRAQI "BEIRUT", WRITES IN FRONT-PAGE EDITORIAL: "EVEN IF WHAT KISSINGER SAID IN DAMASCUS...DOES NOT POINT TO SETTLEMENT FOR WHICH HE CAME, IT DOES CONTAIN QUITE ENOUGH INDICATION OF SYRIAN MOVEMENT TOWARD STRENGTHENING RELATIONS WITH U S AND OF ITS SYMPATHETIC UNDERSTANDING OF COURSE OF EVENTS IN AREA.... PRESIDENT ASAD'S SAYING 'WE WILL GO TO GENEVA WITH PALESTINIANS' MEANS THAT UNIFIED PALESTINIAN-SYRIAN COMMAND IS A KING OF THEATRICAL PRODUCTION MEANT TO INTRODUCE PALESTINIANS INTO GENEVA CONFERENCE THROUGH SYRIAN DELEGATION. THIS PROPOSAL WOULD DO AWAY WITH MUCH EMBARRASSMENT, ESPECIALLY SINCE PRESENT IMPASSE IS OVER ISRAEL'S REFUSAL TO HAVE PALESTINIANS REPRESENTED BY INDEPENDENT DELEGATION AND PLO'S REFUSAL TO ENTER GENEVA

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